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SEARCH POVERTY IN PACIFIC'S PARADISE

And Best People on Earth Discover Plenty of It in Spite of Doubts.

HAD EIGHTY BASKETS READY

Christmas Hereafter Becomes a Day of Labor for the Antlered Ones.

Prepared to meet a poverty it did not know existed, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, yesterday morning, doled out its best Christmas spirit, loaded into eighty baskets as many Christmas dinners, chartered a flotilla of automobiles and armed capable with smiles and turkey sallied forth to conquer the wolf of poverty.

The venturesome quest was an experiment and, like most Benevolent and Protective experiments, was a complete success. As a result the Elks have dedicated themselves to Christmas day and taken it to themselves, monopolized it, as it were, as their particular day of good endeavor. Not that they intend to confine their good endeavors to that day!

The matter of dispensing their Christmas spirit in the substantial form of turkey gobbler and gabbling geese was brought up when the Christmas shopping was a very young thing just growing into major proportions. There were skeptics who did not believe that there was any poverty in Honolulu, and were not backward in coming out and stating it as their honest belief.

Poverty Phases.
Consequently a committee of full-antlered Elks, headed by "Jimmie" Dougherty, was appointed to delve into the question of sociology and its poverty phases. While not claiming any more experience in the sociology line than they had before, the committee members are sadder but wiser men.

The Associated Charities furnished, on request, a list of the poverty stricken, and while even this list did not entirely dispel the well fed doubt of existing poverty, eighty baskets were pledged rather than take chances of passing the day and forgetting the really needy.

The tour had not been of long duration before absolute poverty was found, within three blocks of the home of one of those who had doubted the existence of need in the Paradise of the Pacific.

The old grandmother of the family was sleeping beneath burlap, and the children, half starved, were so overcome by the sight of the unboarded quantity of good things that the benevolent Santa Claus got out of the gate before the little ones recovered sufficient breath to express their gratitude.

Spanish Sufferers.
Contrary to the general expectations, cases of poverty among the white people were frequent, and other cases were found among the Spanish, although little absolute poverty was discovered among the Portuguese.

Before the tour might have ended the autos returned to town, minus their eighty baskets, but full of animated, giggling information about poverty, especially the possibilities of starvation in Honolulu, where the hills and bays are supposed to contain food for the asking.

As an experiment, the Elks' Christmas yesterday turned out rather more of a revelation, and it is now proposed by the Best People on Earth to repeat the same "stunt" every Christmas, with the skepticism hereafter missing.

They also put forward the proposition that every like society set aside a certain holiday for the entertainment of the poor, who are always with us.

CHILDREN ENJOY SANTA CLAUS TREE

Last night at the Waikiki Inn, Mr. and Mrs. Bergin entertained a large number of happy children at a Santa Claus party. An enormous Christmas tree was set up in the large dining-room and presents for all the children were suspended thereon. The part of Santa Claus was taken by a well known theatrical man, and everyone helped out as much as possible.

The happy faces of the little ones were a treat to see and, when all the good things had been distributed, the place looked like a huge toy store. Upon every side were to be seen children struggling with a drum, doll or some other kind of toy.

After the children's part of the evening was over, some of the musicians from the Bijou theater gave a fine selection of instrumental pieces. The whole affair was a great success and the children and grown-ups at the close of the party, thank Mr. and Mrs. Bergin heartily for their generosity.

MORE TROUBLE IN HAYTI.
SAN DOMINGO, December 26.—Word was received here yesterday that Haytian rebels and government troops have fought an engagement on the Haytian border. A gunboat has been sent from here with troops to preserve order in the district affected.

SUPERVISORS INITIATED



CITY OFFICERS LAND IN JAIL

Four Supervisors, Police Officials and Mayor All Held in Custody.

Temporary incarceration within the walls of the city jail was the fate of most of the city officers yesterday afternoon, as well as many of those who will become city officers after January fourth next. Jailor Asch was for the nonce Mine Host Asch, presiding at a choicely laid feast which was spread in the hospital of the jail, the one room equal to the occasion.

In the courtyard of the jail on the other side of the building, three long, heavily-laden tables were spread for the prisoners, unfortunate enough to own sentences extending over the merry Yuletide, and here the man pig and the man yam held full sway.

Seated at the tables set for the visitors, whose experience with prison walls lay mostly in appropriations for them, were Supervisor and Supervisor-elect William McClellan, Supervisors-elect Kruger and Dwight, Supervisor Ahia, Mayor Fern, Sheriff Jarrett, Deputy Sheriff Rose, Chief Clerk Julius Asch, Jr., of the police department; Jailor Asch, the host, and his deputy jailor, William Punohu. Several other invited guests were also present.

Inspect Quarters.
Just before the diners commenced on the man yam they were taken around the new splendidly fitted-up quarters of the jail, shown the jail itself, the jailor's and deputy's quarters, surrounded by one of the prettiest lawns and gardens west of Fort Street, the carpenter, tailoring and shoemaking shops, the hospital, bathrooms and other conveniences which have been installed under Asch's direction during the two years in which the county has had jurisdiction over the city jail.

Asch made the first speech after the immediate call of appetite had been satisfactorily answered, calling attention to the harmony that had existed between the board of supervisors and the jail, how much had been done and how little had been left to do. He thanked the retiring board, represented by McClellan and Ahia, and greeted the new board, represented by McClellan, Kruger, and Dwight.

"Of course," he added, "I might not be here after next year. That all rests with the sheriff."

But as the feasters unanimously voted to cut off Jarrett's supply of soda pop, in case Asch was not reappointed, this possibility is a remote one. It might be explained that soda pop washed down the toasts during the dinner.

Respond to Toasts.
Mayor Fern and Supervisor Ahia responded, backing up Asch's statements in full, and voting him the right man in the right place. Samuel Dwight, the proposed chairman of the new board's road committee, pledged his vote to all progressive measures and appropriations relating to the jail.

The improvements installed during the year include a shoemaking establishment, where prison labor lays the foundation for the city's convict system. It was predicted when Asch first installed this system that he could not make a success of it; as all the men entrusted to his care were short-term men and would no sooner learn the work than they would be released. In spite of this evident obstacle, however, all the shoes worn by the city's prisoners are now made in this shop.

The tailoring establishment does likewise with all the clothing worn by the prisoners, who are thus clad entirely in clothes made by themselves. A large and completely equipped carpenter shop is the medium for many of the prisoners learning a trade before they are released, and the men trained in this shop have constructed all of the five or six buildings which are in this compound, erected sheds in the prisoners' courtyard and made improvements in the jail itself.

Some Improvements.
An immense fireplace for heating water for sanitary purposes has been built out of concrete, with a concrete floor surrounding it five or six yards on each side. The concrete work was all done by prisoners, and is among the

DINE IN JAIL.
McClellan (left), Dwight (above), and Kruger (below), members of new board of supervisors, who yesterday pledged their support for jail improvements.

CHRISTMAS DAY AT LOCAL CHURCHES

Special Services, Decorations, and Singing are Order of Day Throughout.

On Saturday night the air was rent with discordant sounds, last night the only sounds that disturbed the calm of the evening was the ringing of the church bells relaying the everlasting message of His birth round the world. Special services were held in all the churches and most of them were decorated for the occasion. Churches are all the same the world over and in many a one yesterday silent prayers were sent up by gray-haired men and women for sons and daughters scattered far over the globe.

Central Union Church.
The Central Union Church was picked out in red and green effects, one special feature being the Star of Bethlehem, which was cleverly shown waving its way across the heavens. In the morning the service was opened by the "Christmas March" as an organ prelude by A. B. Ingalls, and during the service the choir filled the air with harmony. Among the songs they sang were "Noel," "Sleep, Holy Babe," "Some Old Christmas Carols," "What Child Is This," and the "Nativity," which was rendered as a solo by Mrs. C. S. Wright. The sermon, which was on the subject of His birth, was a strong and powerful one, in which not only the idea of the day, but also the whole lesson which it teaches, was well brought out. The collection was in aid of the Hawaiian Board, whose good work was dealt with last week.

In the evening the singing was again a great feature of the service. Adolph Adams' Christmas hymn, "Canticum de Noel," was sung by Mrs. Allen and Philip C. Hall, assisted by the choir. Following this came a solo from the same gentleman, "The Song of the Angels Song." "Folk Song from the Tyrol" was given by the quartet and later Mrs. Riley Harris Allen lifted her voice in "Rejoice Greatly," from the "Messiah." Assisted by the quartet Mrs. Allen also sang "Alleluia! O Lord of All!" and after an interval of prayer was followed by Chester Livingston with a solo entitled "An Old Sacred Lullaby," and later by Mrs. C. S. Wright with "The Virgin's Lullaby." Charles Vincent's grand anthem, "There Were Shepherds," concluded the vocal numbers.

St. Andrew's Cathedral.
St. Andrew's Cathedral was decorated throughout with red and green, and the music of Hugo Herzer was excellently rendered. The Bishop preached in the morning, while in the evening Pastor Savelly, of Chicago, was the preacher. During the morning the Hawaiian choir, which is made up of members of the congregation, sang the anthem. Offerings for the general missions were taken up and were very large.

Leahi Home.
A very cheerful service was held at the Leahi Home during the afternoon. After the reading of the scripture and

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MALIHINI CHRISTMAS TREE WILL BLOOM, RAIN OR SHINE

This morning, about nine o'clock, the Malihini Christmas Tree will be a blaze of glory for over two thousand children, a blaze, not of incandescent lights or candles, but of emblems of love for the little ones of the city, that they, too, may partake with more fortunate ones of the glory of Christmas and its remembrances.

Rain or shine, the Malihini Christmas Tree will be in great evidence. It is probable that it will display its wonders to bright and admiring eyes on the Capitol building steps, where it was proposed to have it from the beginning; and there it will be if the sun shines, or the clouds remain in Manoa.

But in case it should rain, other arrangements must be made, and all who intend to take part in the festivities will be able to find out just where this beautiful tree will bloom at the Capitol, for it may be necessary to hold the Malihini celebration under cover.

The Clerk of the Weather was appealed to last evening to arrange for a clear day, but it must have been that there was no sugar in his cranberry sauce yesterday, for he refused to make any promise. In fact, he informed a member of the Malihini Christmas Tree committee that it rained yesterday, but he did not know if it would rain today or not. The committeeman felt that he knew almost as much as that himself.

But, anyway, don't forget that the Malihini Christmas Tree is forecasted to be on deck, rain or shine, and if there are any children missing an automobile may catch 'em.

SETTING A PACE FOR OAHU CLUB

The Trail and Mountain Club of Hilo Working for Great National Park.

HILO, December 22.—The Trail and Mountain Club of the Island of Hawaii is setting a pace for its namesake on the Island of Oahu, which the latter will have to sit up and take notice of, if it is going to keep in the running. The Hilo club has already started the ball rolling to secure the setting apart of Kilauea and Mokuawao as a national park, and has advanced so far that maps and descriptions have been prepared.

The outing committee has successfully pulled off one expedition, down the coast, east of Hilo, and has arranged for one to the volcano and along the new trail to the "Seven Craters,"—altho it turns out that there are nine craters—which are proposed to be included in the park reserve.

The following call has been issued by President E. N. Holmes, for the January outing:

Trail and Mountain Club.
Hilo, Hawaii, Dec. 22, 1910.

To the Members:
January 7th is the date set for our next outing. Let us make it a success. The enclosed announcement was made shortly after the first meeting of the outing committee and published in the local papers. It gives you about all the information in connection with the trip that you will need.

Do not fail to attend this outing yourself and try to secure at least one new applicant for membership before January 7th. An applicant for membership can attend the outing. Let us know the beauties of our island so that we can tell of them and show them to others.

Your notice of attending the outing must be in Chairman Wright's hands on or before January 5th. Yours truly, E. N. HOLMES, President.

The January Outing.
The committee decided to make their second outing on the first Saturday in January, to the volcano, with a view to introducing the members to the new automobile road to the crater and the "Seven Craters" lying on the Puna side of the volcano.

The plan is to leave Hilo on the afternoon train, spend Saturday night at the Volcano House and making the trip in question on Sunday, returning to Hilo Sunday afternoon by train. (Continued on Page Four.)

AND IT SAVED THEIR CHRISTMAS DINNER

Even street cars got tired some times, and the strain of the Christmas traffic must have been too much for the power station yesterday. The usual Sunday crowds had been out to Waikiki, and crowded the cars coming back in time for the big dinner at night. Just before one of the cars reached the turn from the avenue into the short cut it behaved like the usual run of automobiles, and slowed down until it finally stopped altogether.

The motorcar climbed down from its perch and had a sorrowful look underneath, but there was "nothing done," and the crowd had to just sit and wait. Victims of turkeys being rapidly demolished by more fortunate ones at home rose before their eyes, and one gentleman got off the car to ring up and ask them to save a bit for him. All of a sudden someone down at the powerhouse must have tickled the dynamo, however, for the car got a move on itself again, and the situation, to say nothing of the turkey, was saved.

IMPROVEMENT IN TWO KAUAI MILLS

Crystallizers Installed by Lihue Plantation—Hanamaulu Mill Ready.

A long step in advance has been taken by Lihue Plantation in the installation of eight heavy pieces of machinery known as crystallizers, in its mill; under the able supervision of Chief Engineer G. F. Winter, says the Garden Island.

The crystallization of the molasses which has been left over after the first grade, or "A" sugar, has been taken out, has heretofore been a prolonged process which required a great deal of hand labor and much time.

All this loss has now been done away with by the new process, which insures the completion of the work of sugar making in six days—from grinding to shipping—instead of a month, as formerly. And besides the saving in time, the labor of at least five mill men is done away with; their place being taken by the machinery.

Get Right to Work.
These new crystallizers are being used for the first time this season, and were put right to work with the beginning of grinding the first of this month.

Another improvement, which has given a larger available floor space in the mill, is the substitution of metal and masonry for wood, for the floor foundations and supports. Everything now rests on cast-iron columns and concrete piers, instead of the more bulky and less durable wooden foundations of former years, and considerably more room is the result.

Hanamaulu Mill.
The Hanamaulu factory of the Lihue plantation has begun this season with an entirely new boiler setting. Gustav Nicolai, chief engineer, who has had charge of the improvements, has done some strenuous work on them during the past few months, and a vastly improved building and fine equipment is the result of his labors.

An entirely new building, forty-three by fifty feet, has been added to the mill to house the trash from the cane after it is ground, and this, combined with the raising of the roof over the boiler rooms, makes a notable addition to the old mill, nearly doubling the size of it.

The new section is equipped with automatic feeders for supplying the trash to the furnaces, and in addition there are six trash carriers, which store up the surplus trash as it comes from the rollers, and, as occasion requires, carry the stored trash to the feeders.

Automatic Carriers.
Two of these carriers are used for feeding the furnaces at night, when the mill is not grinding, taking up the stored surplus trash from the trash house to the main carrier, and then dropping it into the feeders again, which in turn take it directly to the furnaces.

The eight boilers which have just been set include two entirely new ones, the latter taking the place of two old ones which have been condemned as boilers, and are to be used hereafter only as containers.

Besides this the whole of the steam piping of the mill has been renewed, and the new addition has been equipped with electric lights.

The whole mill, in fact, has received a thorough overhauling. Among other things, eight of the centrifugals have been reset on reinforced concrete, out of the twenty-four at the others having been only installed last year and the eight remaining are to be set next year.

The Pacific Commercial Advertiser will observe today as a legal holiday; consequently there will be no issue of the paper tomorrow morning.

DYNAMITE USED TO WRECK PLANT

Llewellyn Iron Works, Los Angeles, Partially Destroyed by an Explosion.

UNION MEN BLAMED AGAIN

Long Strike Lost and Dastardly Act One of Revenge—Reveries Offered.

LOS ANGELES, December 26.—A desperate effort was made here last night to blow up the great plant of the Llewellyn Iron Works, on North Main street, within a stone's throw of the Riverside station of the Southern Pacific railroad.

The explosion of what is believed to be a large quantity of high-power dynamite wrecked part of the main building and the machine shop, but failed to destroy the plant.

Evidently the men responsible for the dastardly act chose a time when few workmen were on the premises, as only one watchman was injured.

Union Men Blamed.
In spite of denials by local labor union leaders, it is the generally expressed opinion in this city that the explosion is the work of the militant labor union men who blew up the Times building on October 1, when twenty-one men lost their lives and a great number were injured.

The business men of the city are aroused and the merchants and manufacturers association will offer a large reward for the arrest and conviction of these dynamiters, the members feeling convinced that the principle of rule or ruin, held by the labor union fanatics here, must result in the stamping out of such organizations.

Strike Was Lost.
Since last April there has been a strike among the iron workers in this city and many threats have been made, the result of which was that police protection has been granted all of the mills. But recently the strike was acknowledged lost, and it is asserted that the explosion last evening was the last desperate resort of the inner circle of fanatics, who seek revenge.

Reese Llewellyn, head of the great establishment, which has supplied the iron work for many of the largest buildings in the Southwest, believes the outrage is the result of the strike and the company will supplement the other rewards to be offered.

SHIPS GO DOWN IN SIGHT OF PORT AND MANY DROWN

ANTWERP, December 26.—Just a few miles outside of the harbor gates of this city, the Norwegian steamer Baltique and the Belgian steamer Finland collided yesterday, the former going to the bottom of the West Schelde so quickly that but six of her crew were saved. The rest found a watery grave.

The collision took place at the mouth of the River Escant, the Baltique being headed for the port and the Finland leaving it to commence a transatlantic journey to American ports.

The Finland is a steamer of 8643 tons, commanded by Captain Ball, having just unloaded a New York cargo and taken on another for that port. The Baltique, a steamer of 1576 tons, was arriving from Port Vendres, where she had discharged a cargo from Marseilles.

LONE BANDIT MAKES BIG HAUL IN TEXAS

KANSAS CITY, Missouri, December 26.—Telegraphed information reached this city last night from Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, that the Missouri-Pacific express 243 been stopped near that place and the passengers robbed of large sums.

The deed was done by a single bandit, who overpowered the engine crew and held out more than one hundred passengers, all of whom were afraid to make a single move in defense of their own property. After going through the engine train and ripping the baggage, the lone brigand slipped into the darkness and has not been seen or heard of since. According to all reports, he made one of the largest hauls ever secured by train robbers in many years. Posses have been started and detectives detailed to trace the man down.